(b) the time by which LPG dealers to be appointed in Nawabganj, Mirganj Fatehganj West and Sainthal Urban areas of Bareilly district in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). The oil marketing companies have already initiated action for opening of 211 LPG distributorships included in the Marketing Plan 1994-96 for Uttar Pradesh. This includes the location Nawabganj of Bareilly Distt. It generally takes 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship from the date of issue of advertisement.

In addition to the above, the Oil Industry has proposed 207 LPG distributorships for different towns of Uttar Pradesh for inclusion in the Marketing Plan 1996-97. This includes the locations Fatehganj West and Sainthal of Bareilly district. Necessary action for opening of the distributorships will be taken only after the marketing plan is approved by the Government and selections of distributors are made in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

[English]

Manufacturing of T.V. Antenna

792. SHRI JAI PRAKASH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the manufacture of the antenna is under small scale sector;

(b) whether the Governemnt are aware of the poor quality of this part; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of the antenna and the wire for better results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India, Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, BIS through its Radio-communications Sectional Committee Limited 20 has published the following standards for TV Antennas :

(i) IS 9793 (Part 1/Section 1-3) - 1992 Antennas for the reception of Sound and televisions broadcasting in the frequency range 30 MHz to 1 GHz - Specification Part 1 Methods of Measurement.

(ii) IS 9793 (Part 2/Section 1) - 1991 Antennas for the reception of Sound and Television broadcasting in the frequency range 90 MHz to 1 GHz - Specification Part - II requirements.

The manufactures of TV antenna in the small scale sector were represented on an expert panel Limited 20 responsible for formulation of the above standards.

Evasion of Stamp Duty

793. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned "Stamp duty evasion: Solution lies in changing law" appearing in the Times of India dated September 27, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that in a case of transfer of property through GPA, action taken by the Collector of Stamps for levay of 3% Stamp Duty and 5% transfer duty on the amount as reflected in the agreement for sale plus conversion charges as reflected in the conveyance deed has been contested before the Single Judge/Division Bench of Delhi High Court which has upheld the Stamp Duty/ Transfer Duty on the amount as reflected in the conveyance deed only and not allowed stamp duty/ transfer duty on the amount reflected in the agreement for sale.

Against the judgement of the High Court SLP is being filed.

DDA Flats

794. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that houses built by DDA near sanitary landfills have no takers;

(b) if so, the location of these houses; and

(c) whether the Government propose to improve upon these houses in order to sell them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Power Finance Corporation

795. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of loans given by the Power Finance Corporation to States Electricity Boards during the last three years, Board-wise and year-wise;

(b) the loans of Power Finance Corporation outstanding against each State electricity Board; and

(c) the steps being taken by for re-payment of outstanding loans?

*THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The details of the loans given by Power Finance Corporation to each Board during the last three years are given in the Statement - I.

(b) Statement - II indicating the outstanding from the borrowers of Power Finance Corporation as on 31st October, 1996 is attached.

(c) PFC is recovering the loans payable in the normal course from its borrowers as per the schedule of repayments. However, in the case of default, PFC suspends disbursement by giving due notice, and inter alia, takes steps like invocation of Escrow Account/ State Government guarantees/Bank guarantees, by taking up the matter at the highest level of the State Governments/State electiricity Boards, re-scheduling/ re-structuring of loans and deduction of outstanding dues through Central Plan Assistance payable to the States.

STATEMENT - I

Details of the loans disbursed by Power Finance Corporation during the last three years

(Rs. Crores)

S.No.	Name of the SEB	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	APSEB	174.22	232.6	322.02
2.	Bihar	0.48	-	-
3.	Gujarat	13.28	-	-
4.	Haryana	2.45	12.88	27.18
5.	H.P.	10.88	3.59	18.9
6.	J and K SEB	-	-	-
7.	KEB	61.49	99.91	107.93
8.	KSEB	0.78	-	11.82
9.	M. P.	92.74	21.46	46.99
10.	Maharashtra	35.63	26.29	204.09
11.	Orissa	15.35	95.83	90.36
12.	Punjab	-	-	-
13.	Rajasthan	81.97	98.12	78.22
14.	Tamil Nadu	66.76	64.67	40.05
15.	Uttar Pradesh	26.75	-	-
16.	W. B.	4.58	3.76	-
17.	Meghalaya		-	-

STATEMENT - II

Amount outstanding from the borrowers as on 31-10-96

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Borrower	Amount outstanding
1.	Govt of Haryana	11.49
2.	HSEB	56.04
3.	Govt. of HP	0.75
4.	HPSEB	53.90
5.	J and K SEB	5.02
6.	PSEB	36.48
7.	Govt. of Rajasthan	5.05
8.	RSEB	329.14
9.	UPSEB	165.59
10.	GEB	235.24
11.	MPLB	390.43
12.	MSLB	353.30
13.	APSEB	840.66
14.	KEB	390.37
15.	Karnataka Power Corpn. Ltd.	25.95
16.	KSEB	46.15
17.	TNEB	412.58
18.	Bihar State Hydro Power Corpn. Ltd.	7.07
19.	Tenughat Viduyt Nigam Ltd.	128.59
20.	Grid Corporation of Orissa	207.50
21.	Orissa Power Generating Corpn. Ltd.	227.91
22.	Govt. of Sikkim	5.30
23.	WBSEB	14.45
24.	West Bengal Power Dev. Corpn. Ltd	184.28
25.	Durgapur Projects Ltd.	0.86
26.	Govt. of Manipur	2.59
27.	Govt. of Mizoram	15.60
28.	Govt. of Nagaland	37.48
	Total	4189.77

Scientific Research

796. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to associate the industry in conducting scientific research in the various aspects;

(b) if so, the response of the industry thereto;